

# **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE MORRIS STREET PUBLIC AT-GRADE HIGHWAY-RAILWAY CROSSING WHERE IT CROSSES OVER CSX TRANSPORTATION TRACKS IN TEACHEY**

**TIP Project No. Y-4803C**

**Duplin County**

The Town of Teachey will hold the above Public Hearing on Oct. 11 between the hours of 6:45-7 p.m. at the Teachey Town Hall, located at 137 E. Second St.

Maps depicting the proposed project will be on display and N.C. Department of Transportation representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to speak to the Board of Commissioners with comments or questions will also be provided. Handouts and the maps explaining the proposal will be posted at the Town Hall for 30 days prior to the public hearing.

NCDOT proposed the closure of the Morris Street at-grade highway-railway crossing located on the CSXT railroad corridor in Teachey. Each year, the state evaluates all of the public highway-railway at-grade crossings and ranks them according to their need for improvement based on the existing train volume, automobile volume, train speed, past accident experience and existing protection. While evaluating the program annually, the NCDOT also looks for crossings that qualify for federal funding for consolidation in the interest of reducing the overall number of at-grade crossings throughout the state to improve safety. Morris Street in Teachey was identified as a closure candidate and has qualified for federal funds.

Morris Street was identified as a candidate for closure due to the fact it is a humped crossing, which increases the risk of a vehicle dragging across the crossing, or even becoming stuck on the tracks. It is also in proximity to a signalized crossing at McMillan Street (State Road 1150), which provides a safer, more efficient flow of traffic through town.

For more information, please contact:

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